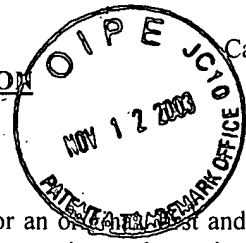


**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

Case No. 10922/51



As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an ~~original~~ and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled FLEXIBLE CANNULA, the specification of which:

- ☒ is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

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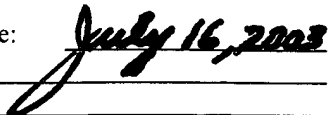
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